

To whom it may concern:

As a strong proponent of XM Satellite Radio, I am very deeply concerned with the NAB's petition 04-160. The National Association of Broadcasters and its members (read radio stations) should be ashamed of the tactics used to attack this medium. Since XM and similar broadcasters have come online, the NAB is doing everything in its power to complicate the lives of citizens like myself who are tired of the AM/FM dial.

As a subscriber to XM I pay for the private content heard on XM. The word "private" is used to describe that it is not free, but fee-based radio. As a subscriber, why should I have to suffer because large corporations (such as Clear Channel) are crying foul and losing listeners at a record pace?

Clear Channel (along with other radio groups) have formed a monopoly over the years and have done its public wrong by syndicating everything possible. It is no longer possible to receive "local" programming in most major markets because of consolidation. This is one of the reasons why I chose XM Satellite Radio.

To the contrary, XM should not be penalized because listeners want variety. They have filled a niche in every single market. If radio groups such as Clear Channel can monopolize markets and do everything in its power to kill off the mom and pop am/fm stations, then XM should be allowed to broadcast "privately" as they wish.

It seems to me that if the FCC were to allow this resolution, it too is taking sides with the Clear Channels of the world.

As a person who travels quite often via my vehicle, I rely on XM Instant Traffic & Weather to keep me abreast of what's happening. Furthermore, as a subscriber to this "private" service, the FCC should have no grounds in directing programming offered via satellite radio services.

Please choose to oppose this issue and focus on matters that really matter.

Thank you for your time,
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